

Illinois Department on Aging
Fatality Review Team Advisory Council Meeting
2 p.m. August 22, 2017

Members Present:

Co-Chair Teva Shirley (Area 08), Amy Brown (Area 05), Diane Slezak (Area 13), Linda Voirin (Area 2), Nancy Hinton (Area 09), Holly Kozinski (Area 4), Donna Schnell (Area 10), Diane Drew (Area 05), Scott Kinley (Area 11), Yvonne Anderson (Area 01), Mark Thomas (Area 03); Diane Michalak (Area 02); Duane Northrup (Area 05); Loren Carrera (Area 02),

Members Absent:

Brenda Fleming (Area 06); Clarissa Palermo (Area 12); Nancy Thorsen (Area 07)

IDoA:

Lois Moorman, Alice Hayes, Maureen Squires, Jaime Spears, Jody Kershaw, Steve Milburn, Troy Yancy

The meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes from May 23rd were approved.

Team Updates

Teva reported that her FRT had its first meeting on June 7, 2017 in Waterloo, Illinois. Monroe County Coroner Bob Hill hosted the meeting. They had five of seven coroners from the region attend. In addition, attendance included Toni Corona of the Madison County Health Department, Chief Jerry Paul of Columbia, Lt. Kris Tharp of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, and several members of the Monroe County EMS staff (who had to depart due to an emergency). New members received a handbook, signed confidentiality statements and discussed roles. Lt. Tharp was elected as chairman, and Bond County Coroner Anthony

Brooks as vice-chairman. Teva was elected reporter/facilitator of the group. They discussed the Open Meetings Act and the need to send in member's certificates of compliance. Also discussed were requirements of posting notices and scheduling their next four meetings. The group went into closed session and discussed a case that Coroner Brooks brought forth.

Nancy Hinton also gave an update on the South Central FRT for Area 9. The team has been working hard on recruitment and now has a team that includes the Clay County State's Attorney, Sheriff and other key members including a representative of the Clay County Health Department. The team met August 8th at the Clay County Courthouse in Louisville, IL. The team did not vote on the chairman or the vice chairman at that time as they are still actively pursuing the Coroner to join the team. The Team discussed an interesting case involving a woman with two names and two Social Security numbers.

Maureen congratulated the groups, stating that now all of the state is covered by FRTs and they are all operational. She will continue working on appointment letters for new members from IDoA Director Jean Bohnhoff as they are brought to her attention.

She told the Council member to please be sure to enter all the data from the teams into the system so she can begin work on the FRT Annual Report for the fiscal year just ended (FY 16).

Diane Drew informed the Council she now has access to the system; Maureen said there is a new data entry person in Area 7 who still needs access and she will get her the information to follow through on that.

Holly told the Council she attended an FRT earlier in the day in Area 01 and the discussion brought forth several dilemmas that she would like to bring before the Council in the future. The issue involves a competent client making problematic decisions.

Systems-wide issues/Strategies

The Council has been contemplating how to address system-wide issues that have been identified as a result of local FRT team meetings, particularly since one of the Council's responsibilities is to "Ensure that the data, results, findings and recommendations of the FRTs are adequately used in a timely manner to make any necessary changes to the policies, procedures, and State statutes in order to protect at-risk adults."

It was agreed by the Council that Maureen will break down the issues by category and they will be further defined by the Council at each subsequent Council meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. The next Advisory Council meeting is at 2:30 p.m. November 21.